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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the interview summary mailed on 03/07/2003.

On 03/06/2003, the Examiner and the undersigned had a telephonic conference to discuss claim 1 and US 6,270,582 (Rivkin). The purpose of the interview is to identify the single-wafer load lock of Rivkin as it appears to the undersigned that, despite its title, Rivkin discloses two wafer supports instead of a single wafer support. The Examiner explained that Rivkin is being read as having two single wafer supports. No agreement regarding any of the pending claims has been reached.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig L. Stevens et al.

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